

COLORADO HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCBS) WAIVERS: CHILDREN'S WAIVERS

Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) is a health care program for low income Coloradans. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria for one of the program categories in order to qualify for benefits. Major program categories include Aid to Families with Dependent Children/Medicaid Only, Colorado Works/TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), Baby Care/Kids Care, Aid to the Needy Disabled, Aid to the Blind, and Old Age Pension. To apply for Health First Colorado, contact your local County Department of Social/Human Services.

Waiver programs provide additional Health First Colorado benefits to specific populations who meet special eligibility criteria. This chart summarizes those benefits and criteria, and tells you how to apply for Health First Colorado under a waiver. For some people, a waiver is the only way to qualify for Health First Colorado.

Members must meet financial, medical, and program targeting criteria to access services under a waiver. The applicant's income must be less than 300% or three times the Supplemental Security Income allowance per month (see www.ssa.gov/OACT/COLA/SSI.html for current information) and countable resources less than \$2,000 for a single person or \$3,000 for a couple. The applicant must also be at risk of placement in a nursing facility, hospital, or ICF/IID (Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities). To utilize waiver benefits, members must be willing to receive services in their homes or communities. A member who receives services through a waiver is also eligible for all basic Health First Colorado covered services except nursing facility and long-term hospital care. When a member chooses to receive services under a waiver, the services must be provided by certified Health First Colorado providers or by a Health First Colorado contracting managed care organization. The cost of waiver services cannot be more than the cost of placement in a nursing facility, hospital, or ICF/IID.

Applicants may apply for more than one waiver, but may only receive services through one waiver at a time. Each waiver has an enrollment limit. There may be a waiting list for some waivers. Anyone who is denied Health First Colorado eligibility for any reason has a right to appeal. Talk to your County Department of Social/Human Services if you wish to exercise your right to appeal.

| NAME OF WAIVER | CHILDREN'S HCBS WAIVER (CHILDREN'S HCBS) | CHILDREN'S EXTENSIVE SUPPORT WAIVER (HCBS-CES) | CHILDREN'S HABILITATION RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM WAIVER (HCBS-CHRP) | CHILDREN with LIFE-LIMITING ILLNESS WAIVER (HCBS-CLLI) |
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| What is the primary purpose of this waiver? | To provide Health First Colorado benefits in the home or community for disabled children who would otherwise be ineligible for Health First Colorado due to excess parental income and/or resources Children must be at risk of nursing facility or hospital placement | To provide Health First Colorado benefits in the home or community for children with developmental disabilities or delays that are most in need due to the severity of their disability Children must meet additional targeted criteria | To provide habilitative services for children and youth in foster care who have a developmental disability and extraordinary needs Children must be at risk for institutionalization | To provide Health First Colorado benefits in the home for children with a life-limiting illness To allow the family to seek curative treatment while the child is receiving palliative or hospice care |
| What ages are served? | Birth through age 17 | Birth through age 17 | Birth through age 20 | Birth through age 18 |
| Who is served? | Disabled children in the home at risk of nursing facility or hospital placement | Children with intensive behavioral or medical needs who are at risk of institutionalization Children, birth through age 4, must have a developmental delay Children, 5 through 17, must have a developmental disability | Children age 0-20 years of age, who are in the custody of the County Department of Human/Social Services, residing in an out-of-home CHRP approved placement and have a developmental disability (developmental delay age 0-4) | Children with a life-limiting illness who can be safely cared for in the home and who are at risk of institutionalization in a hospital |
| Is there a waiting list? | No | No | No | No |
| What is the enrollment cap on the program? | None | None | 160-200 Children | 200 Children |
| Where to apply? | County Department of Human/Social Services, Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies, Community Centered Boards (CCB), and Private Case Management Agencies | Community Centered Boards (CCB) | County Department of Human/Social Services for children and youth in out-of-home placement | Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies |
| Is there a waiting list? | No | No | No | No |
| What is the Level of Care Requirement? | Nursing facility or hospital level of care | Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities | Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities | Hospital level of care |
| Who determines the eligible person's needs? | Case Manager Family | Member Case manager Family or legal guardian | County Department of Human/Social Services | Case manager Family or legal guardian |
| What waiver services are available? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case Management In-Home Support Services (IHSS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Maintenance Activities Only | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adapted Therapeutic Recreation & Fees Assistive Technology Community Connector Home Accessibility Adaptations Homemaker Parent Education Professional Services (includes Hippotherapy, Massage & Movement Therapy) Respite Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies Vehicle Adaptations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Connection Services Habilitation Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cognitive Services* Communication Services* Emergency Assistance Training* Independent Living Training* Personal Care Services* Self-Advocacy Training* Supervision Services* Travel Services* Respite Services Professional Services (Hippotherapy, Massage and Movement Therapy) <p>* - Services are not billed separately but under the habilitation services and are part of residential services.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressive Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art and Play Therapy Music Therapy Massage Therapy Palliative/Supportive Care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care Coordination Pain and Symptom Management Respite Care Therapeutic Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bereavement Counseling Therapeutic Life Limiting Illness Support - Individual/Family/Group |
| Who selects the service providers? | Member/Family | Member/Family | County Department of Social Services | Member/Family |
| Who provides case management? | Approved Case Management Agencies | Community Centered Boards | County Department of Human/Social Services | Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies |
| What state/federal organizations administer this program? | Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) | Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) | Department of Human Services, Division of Child Welfare Services Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) | Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) |
| What laws and regulations govern the program? | C.R.S. 25.5-6-901, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300 – 310; Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.506 | C.R.S. 27-10.5-401, as amended; C.R.S. 25.5-6-401-411, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300-310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.503 | C.R.S. 25.5-5-306(1) (1995 Supp); C.R.S. 27-10.5-102(11) (1995 Supp) Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.508 | C.R.S. 25.5-5-305 as amended; Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505, Section 8.504 |
| Waiver website | www.colorado.gov/hcpf/childrens-home-and-community-based-services-waiver-chcbs | www.colorado.gov/hcpf/childrens-extensive-support-waiver-ces | www.colorado.gov/hcpf/childrens-habilitation-residential-program-waiver-chrp | www.colorado.gov/hcpf/children-life-limiting-illness-waiver-clli |
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